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School in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar district, requesting them to accord sanction to transfer the management of the High School to a registered Committee; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Temporary closure of Malabar Tiles Factory, Feroke

* 247 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the conciliation measures taken by the Government in the dispute between the Management of the Malabar Tiles Factory, Feroke, and the Feroke Tile Workers Union on the temporary closure of the factory since 6th June 1956; and

(*b*) the number of workers unemployed on account of this closure?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, enquired into the alleged lockout on 1st August 1956 and visited the factory on 7th August 1956. He submitted a report that there was no lockout as alleged by the union and that the lay off was for *bona fide* reasons. The Labour Officer and the Commissioner of Labour recommended that there was no case for adjudication. The Government accepted their recommendation.

Subsequently the Commissioner of Labour held discussions with the Managing Partner of the Malabar Tile Works and the hon. Member on 23rd August 1956. The Managing Partner has agreed to absorb all the workers within a period of three weeks from 24th August 1956 if the weather continued to be good.

(*b*) About 300 workers.

Deputation of teachers

* 248 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any deputation of teachers working in the schools managed by the Malabar Education Society met him on 1st August 1956 or about that date; and

(*b*) if so, the main points represented to him and the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The main points represented by the deputation related to the payment of salaries to the teachers and about safeguarding their service conditions. These points are under consideration.